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RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated August 14, 2001, please reconsider the above identified application based on at least the following:

REMARKS

Claims 1-9 are pending in the present application. It is respectfully submitted that all of the presently pending claims are allowable and reconsideration of the present application is requested for at least the following reasons.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103 (a) with respect to Claim 1

Claim 1 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a). The Patent Office has contended that this claim is unpatentable over Renken et al (U.S. Patent No. 4,542,650). It is respectfully submitted that this rejection should be withdrawn for at least the following reasons.

In order for a claim to be rejected for obviousness under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a), not only

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